

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 459
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to commend Dean Burress for exemplary service
as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Dean Burress is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Cohen; Dean's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Dean was chosen from a vast pool of qualified applicants from all over this great State to serve as a legislative assistant of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Dean Burress brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Dean Burress has performed his many and various duties with diligence and loyalty, displaying natural skill and superior intelligence, and he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the members of this General Assembly alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burress has experienced the finer points of the Tennessee General Assembly and has gained keen insight into floor debates and the complex details of the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, immersing himself in the intricacies and nuances of Tennessee state government, Dean Burress has found the legislative process to be both delightful and complicated; and

WHEREAS, Dean Burress has attained expertise at deciphering the Tennessee Code, writing summaries, and distributing calendars and packets; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to the exemplary quality of his work, Dean does an outstanding job no matter how large or small the task set before him; and

WHEREAS, soon to be a graduate of East Tennessee State University, Dean Burress plans to someday return to the State Capitol as a member of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, committed to diligent service, Dean Burress provided assistance and support to Micki Yearwood, Craig Dulniak, Senator Steve Cohen, and the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dean's good nature, dedication, efficiency, and his willingness to help, have resulted in untold benefits to the Senate State and Local Government Committee and the whole General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a pleasure to be around, Dean Burress will be greatly missed by his peers and superiors alike; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Dean Burress has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize and commend those interns who have faithfully served this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Dean Burress for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Cohen and the Senate State and Local Government Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.